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'The Agency Has to Be Watched ...'

Tofte: CIA Favors Plotters

By JULIAN MORRISON

Suspended CIA agent Hans V. Tofte has told friends that he has "meticulous diaries and private records" that can provide inside knowledge on the role played by top Agency officials in the Bay of Pigs disaster, in the Dominican Republic and in Viet Nam.

In a lengthy letter to a friend in Mason City, Iowa, his former home, Mr. Tofte also said that "the same people who planned and executed that disastrous (Bay of Pigs) affair are still sitting in Langley in bigger and better jobs."

"I do not envy them those jobs," he wrote, "I just think that other men should be in them."

SECRETS

Mr. Tofte was suspended last week after the Agency accused him of taking home a batch of classified documents.

It said a young agent accidentally found them on the third floor of Mr. Tofte's former Georgetown home after he'd allegedly gone there to inspect a basement apartment that was for rent.

Mr. Tofte wrote, however,

that "the papers they found in my house represent years of study aimed at perfecting a plan that would revolutionize the entire CIA and make it do the work it is supposed to do — better, more professionally and without a colossal waste in regard to money and human tragedy."

LITTLE PEOPLE

The latter refers to the untold 'little people' — agents and their bamboozled families — that go down the drain during inefficient and callous operations without anyone lifting a finger. Like the Cuban exiles that were murdered at the Bay of Pigs.

Referring to past criticism of the CIA by Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman J. William Fulbright, Mr. Tofte said "I am no Fulbright man. In fact, I am no politician at all."

"However," he said, "I do agree with Fulbright that the Agency has to be watched very closely, only Fulbright's ideas of 'watching' would not even begin to do the job."

POLICE STATE

He said "the day this behind-the-scenes setup, working under the protection of official

secrecy, becomes strong enough by escaping rigorous congressional controls, we will have the beginnings of a Police State in America."

"It could be terribly misused by a ruthless politician in the White House before Congress and the American people even knew it," he said.

Mr. Tofte also wrote that he was present "during a secret meeting at the White House early in the Kennedy Administration" and was "jokingly asked whether I wanted to be Director of CIA."

MISTAKE

He said he replied that "the worst mistake any President of the United States could possibly make would be to put a CIA professional in the top spot of the Agency."

He said "I was vastly relieved when Kennedy appointed a type like (John A.) McCone", who succeeded Allen Dulles as CIA director.

Earlier this year, President Johnson named Richard Helms as the first CIA career man ever to head the Agency. A special review board has been

set up to study Mr. Tofte's case and recommend action to him.

Mr. Tofte implied in the letter that he expects attempts will be made to discredit him, and said, "I cannot help what is about to happen now. All I can ask is for my true friends to trust me all the way to the bitter end."